

<u>Species</u>	<u>Figures</u>	<u>Claims</u>
Species VIII	Figs. 23-24	Claim 9-11 and 15-16
Species IV	Fig. 25	Claims 9-11 and 17
Species X	Fig. 26	Claim 9-11 and 18-19

REMARKS

Applicant believes that claims 1, 2, and 4 are readable upon **Figs. 8-15**, claim 3 is readable upon **Figs. 11 and 14**, claim 5 and 6 are readable upon **Figs. 12 and 13**, and claims 7 and 8 are readable upon **Fig. 15**. Applicant also believes that claims 9-11 are readable upon **Figs. 16-26**, claims 12 and 13 are readable upon **Figs. 16-21**, and claim 14 is readable upon **Fig. 22**. Applicant further believes that claims 15 and 16 is readable upon **Figs. 23 and 24**, claim 17 is readable upon **Fig. 25**, and claims 18 and 19 are readable upon **Fig. 26**. Moreover, in response to the Election Requirement, Applicant elects **Species I**, the species of **Figs. 8-10**, with associated claims 1, 2, and 4, without traverse. Although the Election Requirement indicates that none of the claims are generic, Applicant maintains that claims 1, 2, and 4 are generic to Species I-V and that claims 9-11 are generic to Species VI-X. Consequently, Applicant maintains that if any of claims 1, 2, and 4 are allowed in the above-captioned patent application, any claims associated with Species II-V also should be allowed in the above-captioned patent application.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that an interview with Applicant's representatives, either in person or by telephone, would expedite prosecution of this application, we would welcome such an opportunity. Applicant believes that no fees are due as a result of this response to the Election of Species Requirement. However, in the event of any variance between the fees determined by Applicant and those determined by the U.S. Patent and

Trademark Office, please charge any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 02-0375.

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